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SUBJ: INDO-PAK CIVIL AVIATION TALKS SET FOR NOVEMBER 17;
TRADE TALKS TO FOLLOW

1. THE DELHI PRESS REPORTS AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT INDIA WILL SEND A DELEGATION TO ISLAMABAD FOR TALKS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17 ON RESTORATION OF CIVIL AVIATION AND OVERFLIGHTS. PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IN SEPTEMBER TO HOLD THESE TALKS, INDIA HAD INTIALLY PROPOSED THEM FOR LATE OCTOBER, WITH AN EXPECTATION THAT THEY MIGHT SLIP UNTIL ABOUT NOW. INDIAN OFFICIALS EXPECT THE TALKS WILL ALSO COVER CLAIMS RESULTING FROM THE HIJACKING OF AN INDIAN AIRLINES PLANE IN EARLY 1971 AND THE SUBSEQUENT INDIAN BAN ON PAKISTANI OVERFLIGHTS.

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2. INDIAN OFFICIALS ALSO CONFIRM THAT TRADE TALKS WILL

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TAKE PLACEIN DELHI "TOWARD THE END OF NOVEMBER." (INDIA
CANNOT FIX A PRECISE DATE BECAUSE COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS
WHO WILL PARTICIPATE ARE NOT IN TOWN.) ACCORDING TO THESE
OFFICIALS INDIA WILL GO INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AN OPEN
MIND ON WHAT SHOULD BE TRADED AND HOW. THEY SAY INDIA RECOGNIZES
PAKISTAN USED TO FEEL THAT INDIA ALWAYS TRIED TO GET
AN EXTRA FEW CENTS OUT OF PAKISTAN IN TRADE. AS A RESULT,
INDIA DOESN'T WANT TO PUSH PAKISTAN, ALTHOUGH IT BELIEVES
THERE ARE PROSPECTS FOR TRADE IN ITEMS SUCH AS PAKISTANI
COTTON AND NATURAL GAS AND INDIAN IRON ORE AND CAPITAL
GOODS.
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